

Red Cross Will Open Service Delivery Sites

NEW JERSEY. Tuesday, November 27, 2012 — The American Red Cross will open two new service centers in the southern New Jersey region, one in Toms River and one in Atlantic City, for people whose homes are unlivable due to Super Storm Sandy. The Toms River service center will be in Thompson Hall at First United Methodist Church of Toms River, 129 Chestnut St. The other service center will be set up at the main entrance of Bader Field, 545 N. Albany Ave., Atlantic City. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Dec. 1, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Those whose homes are unlivable can meet with caseworkers to make recovery plans and learn more about the next steps they need to take. They will also be able to get current information on government resources and how to connect with resources in their areas. Health and mental health workers will be available to address emotional and health concerns. The sites will also have meals and other relief supplies for members of the public who need those items.

Services will be identical in both locations, which are handicapped accessible. People should bring some proof of their pre-disaster address, such as an ID, power bill or cable bill.

If people cannot get to either of the service delivery sites, they can call their local chapter or 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Red Cross continues to provide mobile feeding in targeted areas. Anyone who knows of urgent needs for meals or other services is asked to call 2-1-1 so the Red Cross and its partners can identify where needs still exist. People are also encouraged to reach out to the Red Cross by posting on its Facebook page or using Twitter to tell the Red Cross about needs in their neighborhoods.

Since the storm the Red Cross has provided more than 4 million meals and snacks, distributed more than 42,000 clean-up kits, and made more than 27,000 health and mental health visits to New Jersey residents affected by Super Storm Sandy. The Red Cross will be helping people for many weeks to come in what is likely to be the biggest Red Cross response in the last five years.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.